

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 2, 3 and 11-15 have been amended. Claims 1 and 10 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 2-9 and 11-25 are presented for examination.

Applicants acknowledge that claims 16-25 are allowed and that claims 2-9 and 12-15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 and 10-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Gulick et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,618,782). Applicants submit that the rejection has been obviated by the cancellation of claims 1 and 10, and the amendment of the remaining claims to appear in condition for allowance. For example, claims 2, 3, 12 and 13 have been amended to include all of the features of the base claims. Therefore, the present claims are in condition for allowance as suggested by the Office Action.


Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome, and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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